



## HFWI Coach Trip to STRATFORD UPON AVON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

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## Clean Rivers Now...!!!

We've shouted about it a lot so you're undoubtedly aware that the Herefordshire Federation resolution, Clean Rivers for People & Wildlife has become the latest national WI campaign. As a result, NFWI have designated the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> September this year as WI River Action Week and we, as the proposers of the resolution, would really like to make a splash (forgive the pun).

We're teaming up with Herefordshire Wildlife Trust who have designed a simple survey for all willing WI members to take part in. There will be an opportunity to meet HWT's CEO, Jamie Audsley, at Bodenham as part of WI Day on the 16<sup>th</sup> September who will be showing us what we need to do. Whether you come on the 16<sup>th</sup> or not, it would be great if those of us who are able, carry out the survey the following week, looking at the health of our own local stretch of water, be that river, stream or brook.

Survey on your own, in pairs, or as a whole group – make it an outing perhaps, take a picnic! The results of the survey will give us an insight into the state of our waterways, many of which are part of the River Wye's catchment.

The survey will come out with October Secretary's notes but for anyone wishing for a copy or further details please message [hfwf.climate@gmail.com](mailto:hfwf.climate@gmail.com)

We hope that you will want to take part – and look forward to seeing some survey results.

## DENMAN UPDATE ...

New **WI Learning Hub**, and access to the free education content for WI members, launching in January 2024.



### Make a dragonfly keyring



Pattern with your Secretary or <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/Get-involved-in-the-WIs-Week-of-River-Action-11-18-September-2023>

Use the **template email** to invite your MP to the upcoming parliamentary drop-in event to launch the WI Week of River action on **12 September 2023**.



**APPLES & PEOPLE EXHIBITIONS**

Although we might think of the apple as a part of Herefordshire, the story of the apple closely follows human history around the world since ancient times.



Apples & People ©



The extraordinary connection between humanity and this humble fruit is explored in an online exhibition called Apples & People [www.applesandpeople.org.uk](http://www.applesandpeople.org.uk). Developed in Herefordshire with help from international experts and art collections, a series of illustrated short stories recount different aspects of this worldwide relationship.

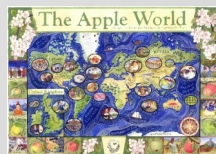
Later this year, as part of the Apples & People exhibition programme, the Museum of Cider in Hereford will host an exhibition called 'A Variety of Cultures'. This explores how cultures across the globe have taken the apple and made it their own. It will bring important international artworks to Herefordshire. A highlight will be a large collection of nineteenth century Australian model apples lent by the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew that have never before been seen outside London.

Some of the apple models coming to Herefordshire. Courtesy of Royal Botanic Gardens Kew Economic Botany Collection ©

There will also be work by New Zealand pop artist Billy Apple, Chinese art including a cultural revolution poster courtesy of the Ashmolean Museum, and a new commission by Anglo-French artist Anne Rook who has created a body of work which looks at the iconography associated with varieties of apples. This **exhibition opens on 27<sup>th</sup> October and runs until 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. A companion exhibition called 'An Apple Gathering', is now open at the **National Trust's Croft Castle until 5th November**.

Normal admission fees apply at both venues.

Together, these exhibitions show the apple's significance around the globe and place Herefordshire firmly at the centre of the apple world map. See below The Apple Map by Helen Cann, commissioned by and licensed to Apples & People ©



**PUBLIC AFFAIRS & CAMPAIGNS**

We have decided to celebrate British Science Week in 2024. This event takes place between 8 March and 17 March. It is coordinated by the British Science Association. Next year is the 30th anniversary so the theme is 'Time'. End Plastic Soup Thinking Differently See the Signs Make a Match Clean Rivers So many of our current campaigns have science at the heart whether medical or environmental and scientific innovations are also intertwined with time. Questions What events can we do here in Herefordshire? Where can we visit to see science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) in action? Which other groups could we work with, Wildlife Trust, Healthwatch, National Farmers, all the River organisations etc.? We plan to begin with a meal on 8 March to celebrate International Women's Day. The theme for this day in 2024 is 'DigitALL:Innovation and technology for gender equality'. A great link to the theme 'Time'. More information about this to follow. Please show your interest to help organise or suggest an event by contacting via email or phone Sandra Walker 01432 830019 sjwalker253@gmail.com If you prefer to speak in person come to Bodenham Village hall on WI day, 16 September where I shall be at the Campaign table.

**GREEN CORNER**

**What is a River Catchment area and how does it affect us?**

**A river doesn't form in isolation** – it's fed by water that drains into it across its catchment area. The catchment area may include hill slopes, floodplains, ponds, woods, farmland, towns and of course other smaller streams and brooks. Every inch of land on the planet is part of a catchment.

So, if we think that not living near the River Wye is a reason not to worry about its health, remember that what happens in one part of a river catchment can affect the health of the whole system.

No matter where you live, your home and garden are in the catchment of a river somewhere – so what you do; what you flush down the toilet or drains; how much water you use; what flea treatment your pet has, potentially affects your local river and its catchment.

We want to get a snapshot of the health of as many different rivers, streams and brooks as possible across the county – are they shining examples of what a clean river might look like or are they struggling under a weight of litter, algae and pollution? When you go out to survey your river this September, take a photo – thumbs up or down according to what you see – healthy/not healthy – let's see how Herefordshire's waterways are doing.

Please join in - see earlier in the newsletter for details, website and FB page or contact us at [hfwfwi.climate@gmail.com](mailto:hfwfwi.climate@gmail.com).



**MARGARET'S MEMO**

Hopefully, we shall have a beautiful autumn when we can enjoy time in the garden and days out – I shall not mention the weather during most of the summer! Come to **Bodenham for WI Day on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September** to enjoy refreshments and a chat, view the displays and competitions and browse the stalls. Plenty of parking and free entry so do bring a friend. **Attend the Annual Council Meeting (ACM) on 17<sup>th</sup> October at Ledbury Rugby Club.** After the morning meeting, stay for the buffet lunch and talk to the speakers and other members. Join the trip to Westonbirt Arboretum on 28<sup>th</sup> October to see the fantastic colours and come to Stratford-upon-Avon on 7<sup>th</sup> November where there are plenty of cafes and independent shops – just ready for Christmas. You may decide to join the popular guided town walk.

Enjoy September and support your WI by encouraging a friend to come to a meeting with you.

Best wishes,  
Margaret  
Chair



**CRAFT & CHAT—ONLINE AUTUMN SERIES 2023**

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CPHZ>

**12 Craft and Chat Sessions**



You can choose individual sessions (at £5.00 per session) or book all 12 sessions (for £25.00).

Session details:

- 18th September 2023 - Amigurumi (Crochet) with Felicity Jennings
  - 25th September 2023 - Book Covers with Claire Salmon
  - 2nd Oct - Fun Flourishes with Jane Lappage
  - 9th Oct - The Wool Patch with Stuart Race
  - 16th Oct - Christmas Gift Bag & Co-ordinating Card with Deborah Pickett
  - 23rd Oct - Dotted with Felicity Jennings
  - 30th Oct - Christmas Jumper Angels with Claire Salmon
  - 6th Nov - Mini Pocket Tag Book with Paula Pierce
  - 13th Nov - How to Draw a Giraffe with Alice May
  - 20th Nov - Simple Sewing Project with Andrea
  - 27th Nov - Crochet Baubles with Felicity Jennings
  - 4th Dec - Christmas Themed Tea Cosy and Breakfast Set with Claire Salmon
- 10:00am - 12:30pm

**DIGITAL NEWS—DID YOU KNOW...?**

- \*Herefordshire has its own section on the NFWI website. You can access the Herefordshire pages at this address: <https://herefordshire.thewi.org.uk>
- \*In the 'Find a WI' section, you can have an extra page for your programme.
- \*Herefordshire also has a Facebook page where your WI can advertise upcoming events, and see upcoming Federation Events plus HFWI news.
- \*Have you investigated MyWI? It holds lots of documents about how to run your WI including the WI Handbook.
- \*WI Training is accessed by the same log in details as My WI and you will find a section for treasurers among other articles.
- \*Have you been on a Federation trip? Send in your photos!

**MSC REPRESENTATIVES - DID YOU KNOW...?**

- \*It's up to you to keep your WIs details up to date on the MCS database. Especially if you change officers, email addresses, meeting time, day, venue or anything else.
- \*This is the only way that the website page 'Find a WI' will be updated.

Please get in touch if you need any assistance.

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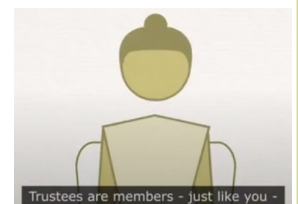
**JOIN THE TEAM**



We invite you to become a HFWI Trustee. In the role you can influence the future direction of the Federation and you would be given support and guidance as you join the Team of Trustees here in Herefordshire.

If you are interested, please contact your Secretary who has the trustee nomination form.

If you wish to know more about the role please contact: [chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk) and check out the video 'Become a Federation Trustee': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILrPljT4yNs>





OFFICERS HINTS AND TIPS

A great tip for providing extra fundraising for your WI is to hold Open Meetings. These meetings are normally when a WI puts on a special speaker and allows visitors who are not WI members to come along and pay a one off visitor fee. This may include members husbands so it is important to make sure that your members are happy about this happening. Also please make sure that your WI's MCS representative has your correct email address so that you can receive the Herefordshire Federations monthly Newsletter. Your WI Advisers are always here to help if you have any questions or queries.

Cherril Watkins, Alison Lord, Joy Edwards WI Advisers



CRADLEY WI invites you to join us on a trip to Cardiff Christmas Market

Wednesday 29th November 2023

£20 (non-refundable)

Open to Herefordshire Federation WI members, friends and family

Pick-ups at: 7.45am Hereford, Commercial Road Bus Station, HR1 2EP 8.30am Cradley village, Finchers Corner, WR13 5LP (some free parking) 8.45am Ledbury, Market House, HR8 1DS (nearby car parks)

Return, leaving Cardiff at 4pm.

Contact Lesley Gregory, Secretary, to book your place - lesleygreg58@gmail.com Payment in advance to Sue Hyson, Treasurer - sueh@cmail.co.uk Bank transfer (bank details available) Or cheque payable to Cradley Women's Institute

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Coffee & Chat

For WI OFFICERS

The next Coffee & Catch-up meeting is: Saturday 14th October at Pengethley Garden Centre, Peterstow, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6LL

Starts at 10.30 am

MUNSLEY WI HALL

There will be an informal meeting at Munsley WI Hall, HR8 2RA at 2pm on Saturday, 7th October, 2023 open to anyone who has an interest in the future of the Hall. There will be light refreshments and a discussion on the management of the hall and future events to be held there.





**NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES**

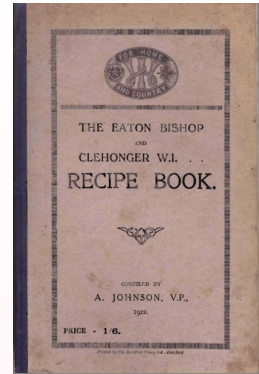
Glancing through a recipe book produced by Eaton Bishop and Clehonger WIs in 1922, I came across a fascinating cake name – 'Scripture Cake'. Unfortunately there is no contributor's name for this recipe.

The ingredients are listed with amounts followed by a biblical book/chapter/verse reference viz. 4 ½ cupfuls Kings xxii. This version of the recipe does include the foodstuffs required but others need knowledge of the bible or an enjoyment of puzzles!

For the bakers here is the full recipe:

**SCRIPTURE CAKE**

4 ½ cupfuls	I Kings xxii	(flour)
1 ½ cupfuls	Judges v., 25 (last clause)	(butter)
2 cupfuls	Jeremiah vi., 20 (2nd item)	(sugar)
2 cupfuls	Samuel xxx., 12(2nd item)	(raisins)
2 cupfuls	Nahum iii., 12	(figs)
1 cupful	Numbers xvii., 8	(almonds)
½ cupful	Judges iv., 19 (last clause)	(milk)
2 tablespoonsful (sic)	I Samuel xiv., 25	(honey)
season to taste of	II Chronicles ix., 9	(spices)
6 of	Jeremiah xvii., 11	(eggs)
a pinch of	Leviticus ii., 13	(salt)
2 tablespoonsful (sic)	Amos iv., 5	(baking powder)



**METHOD**

Follow Solomon's prescription for making a good boy (Proverbs xxiii., 14) and you will have a good cake.

For the record, this verse of Proverbs reads: Thou shalt beat him with the rod and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

Other names for this confection are apparently Bible Cake, Old Testament Cake and Scriptural Cake. It was extremely popular in the latter part of the 19th century, particularly in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Although the earliest recipe dates back to the 17th century when it was baked and eaten at church teas, picnics and Sunday school outings.

For more information on HFWI archives and how to look after your WI's records please visit the Herefordshire page on the national WI website:  
<https://herefordshire.thewi.org.uk/> <https://herefordshire.thewi.org.uk/> then go to About us > Federation Archives.  
Please contact me if you have any archive questions or concerns.

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01885 788623

**HALF-TERM CRAFT WORKSHOP—MUNSLEY WI HALL, HR8 2RA**

**MONDAY 30/10/2023**

**BRING THE CHILDREN ALONG TO A** Craft Activity Workshop being held at Munsley WI Hall on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

There will be two sessions.

**Workshop One is 10am to 12**

**Workshop Two is 1pm-3pm**



The cost for a workshop for each adult and for each child is £2.50 which includes coffee and cake for the adults and materials for the children. Therefore, £5 for an adult and one child. Each session will have a maximum of 15 children so book early to secure a place.

There is plenty of parking at the Hall.

**Closing date Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.**



For bookings please contact: [admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk)



**THE BOX**

**By Linda Billinger, Sparkling Wye WI**

A passing glance at times gone by,  
This precious box just caught my eye,  
The letter L inlaid on the lid  
For Louie from Eric  
His love to give

The craftsman is he, with one arm to his name,  
A horror of War, unbelievable pain,  
Self-taught to carve, with lathe and plane  
Determination, his middle name.

A shelf of red velvet, partitions in place,  
For keepsakes and treasures  
A safe little place.

Those crumpled letters from across the foam  
Sending his love and thoughts of home

This man was my Grandpa, a super chap,  
Gentle and wise and a lover to caps,  
Louie and Eric were married in London  
Their daughter, my mother  
There was no other.

This previous box, is now mine  
Handed down to me through time.  
To share with family of all generations,  
The knowledge of folk  
Through many conversations.

**Poem of the month taken from one of the entries for the Joy Ward Silver Trophy Poetry Entry 2023**

**NEW COMMUNITY HUB**



Kate Bristow from Midlands Air Ambulance Charity ([kate.bristow@midlandsairambulance.com](mailto:kate.bristow@midlandsairambulance.com)) met some members of the HFWI team at Hay-on-Wye festival in June. Kate wrote to HFWI wanting share that the charity has opened their very first Community Hub in Hereford on Thursday 13th July 2023.

Your Secretary has some further details, but the Charity would love your WI to consider using the hub's facilities and fantastic space. The Hub is located in the old Laura Ashley Unit, 7, Commercial Street, Hereford HR4 2DB.



The **August 2023** draw has been made for the **HFWI 100 Club!**



- 1st Prize (£20)** goes to Ticket No 29 a Saltmarshe & District WI member
- 2nd Prize (£10)** goes to Ticket No 27 a Preston Wynne WI member
- 3rd Prize (£5)** goes to Ticket No 23 a Allensmore WI Member

Prize winners will be individually notified to arrange for the transfer of their prize money.

Each ticket holder has been allocated a ticket number and these numbers will be shortly emailed to individuals with receipt of their ticket purchase(s).



The next draw will take place in **early September**, so there is still time to buy your draw ticket(s) to belong to the HFWI 100 Club.

Just £10 buys a ticket to the monthly draws (9 draws left). You can purchase more than one ticket.

If you require further details contact [admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk)



**HFWI FORUM**

The June meeting of Peterstow WI concerned something close to all our hearts – lingerie! The speaker was Carrie from Harts of Monmouth ably assisted by Sabira. Carrie explained the history of lingerie, from uncomfortable corsets that changed to the modern brassiere, alongside the changing role of women in society. Then they both demonstrated how important it is to have the correct fitting bra, and showed us how many different styles there are available. Not every style suits every wearer, so the importance of fitting services was also explained. This topic, which could have been tricky for some, was delivered with empathy and a common-sense practical approach which everyone found interesting. It certainly gave us plenty to chat about over our cups of tea and cake!



Safety in the home was on the agenda for our July meeting. Experts Bill and Megan talked through a variety of incidents that could happen to anyone, but which could be prevented. From simple measures such as installing and maintaining a smoke alarm to unplugging electrical devices when not at home, Bill explained it all in an interesting and engaging presentation.

Saltmarshe District WI - The Salties' Garden Visit took place on June 14th when 16 of us had a glorious sunny day to explore Lower House Farm, Vine Lane, near Tenbury Wells where our hostess was Mrs Anne Durston-Smith. There were lovely cottage garden favourites in all colours, a veggie patch, the chickens to admire and a lovely walk down to the pool to find shade and tranquillity along with beautiful yellow irises and water lilies. There was a lovely amount of seating where we could gather and enjoy a home-made tea, which allowed us to get to know more about our newer Members and it all made for a very successful outing.



At our July meeting, we welcomed the return of our firm favourite, Mr David Hill, who first visited us in almost fifteen years ago and has previously managed to get us "Lost in Herefordshire", "Still Lost", "Further Lost" and now "Forever Lost in Herefordshire". Red faces all round when we were unable to identify one image as belonging to Saltmarshe Castle estate, where our WI was founded in 1946!! We were most grateful to Gwen for bringing such lovely, freshly picked raspberries along to swell our funds. There was a lovely selection of items coloured blue for our competition. Our photo shows us at meeting's end, with David alongside us all.

**Eye WI** - What an excellent meeting we had in June. The enthusiasm of Brigit Graham from Old Hill Willow was infectious and everyone who came had a go at willow weaving. As a result, we hope to visit Brigit's workshop in the not-too-distant future and also to have a go at 'Live willow weaving' next year.

Members of Stoke Prior & District met in Risbury Village Hall when they should have been meeting in their President's garden. This was due to the changeable weather, but despite this, everyone had a great afternoon which included two games involving playing cards. They also enjoyed fabulous fresh cream scones collected from Morrisons!! These are so cheap and come ready made so it saves a lot of time and effort. Yummy.



**Aston Ingham WI** members welcomed Kathie Barr to our meeting in July. Kathie titled her talk and demonstration, 'The Alchemy of Felt.' The 'discovery' of felt is thought to have happened in Asia where riders riding their horses on sheep skins, for warmth, found that at the end of the ride, the wool had formed into a more solid piece because of the effect of the horse's sweat, friction and pressure caused by the rider. So, to make felt moisture, friction and pressure is needed. Kathie then demonstrated by laying a base with a hole in the middle on a cloth, she spread pieces of wool (2 layers) on the base. Once covered on both sides, a layer of net was placed on top, water was applied and some liquid olive oil soap, Kathie then put pressure on the whole piece by hand, squeezing out the water. She then placed some bubble wrap on top and rolled up the whole piece, continue to dry out the creation. Then putting her finger in the hole in the middle Kathie pulled the base through and discarded it. There were many creations and Kathie does Workshops teaching felting.

In August, Juliet Whatley who lives in our community came to talk to us about volunteering. Juliet, thinking that there might be a lot of work to be done a year after the Tsunami in Sri Lanka volunteered to work there for 6 months. She and another female volunteer stayed in what looked like a basic shed and were looked after by a young man who cooked and cared for them. Juliet worked in the local school; the enthusiastic children sometimes could not attend because they worked in their parents' paddy fields. During the school holidays she visited an elephant sanctuary. In 2012 Juliet worked as a volunteer in the Para Olympics, she told us of the special bond which developed between horses and their riders. She told us the riders were amazing people, some missing limbs, one young woman had no legs, but they all overcame terrible handicaps. Juliet also went to the Rio Olympics, and she hopes to go to the European event in Germany later this year.



**HFWI FORUM**



At Holmer WI's August meeting, we had a talk from Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe, archivist, about 'Knitting for Tommy'. She had collated fascinating Herefordshire history about the thousands of items knitted for soldiers in WWI, together with lists of supplies and letters send back from the front line showing the soldiers' appreciation of the work that was being done back home in England. She showed us examples of items made and sent to the troops on the front line, as well as patterns from a book edited by Elizabeth Lovatt called 'Centenary Stitches', which tells the story of one WWI family through vintage knitting and crochet.

**Ledbury WI** - Speakers at our summer meetings were Mike Pullin, founder member of the Hospice Angels and Richard Dodd who thankfully stepped in at the last minute. The Angels are motorcyclists who have raised and continue to raise astonishing amounts of money for St Michael's Hospice. Richard Dodd, with amusing comments from his wife, gave an interesting and entertaining account of their most unusual holiday destinations, with the emphasis on Britain's industrial history. The talk brought back memories for many of our members. A fun time was had by all when we enjoyed an evening of skittles with instruction and scoring by a member's husband. The photo is of Tina Jackson - our star skittler.



**The Pyons WI** have completed their banner. It has taken a while to put together since the original design was completed in 2015. A small group of crafters converted the design into reality with individuals interpreting the ideas and bringing different skills to the work. The theme of the banner was to show the Pyons WI story. There are the two Pyons churches so meticulously detailed. Sheep too. The orchards are represented with a basket of cherries and a stunning apple tree, peek closely and you will find the apples. A butterfly graces the piece. Bees of course and their hive, vital to the fruit production, instigated by a Pyons WI apiarist. And, a sprig of mistletoe – the plant closely associated with Herefordshire. Our area has an abundance of delicate flowers, represented here with careful ribbon work. The Hereford bull not just representing our county but our bull has particular significance to both of the Pyons and especially Kings Pyon. And a tea tray representing our enjoyable WI teas. All these aspects surround the centre made of different textures to form the circle of friendship.

Contributors to the banner were Shelley Bagnall, Maggie Covington, Joanna Helme, Chris MacIntyre,

Judi Moore and Carol Williams.



**Cradley WI** held it's bi-annual produce show on August 3rd. With 10 classes to choose from, members were kept busy in the preceding days making and baking - jam, bread, Victoria Sandwiches, greetings cards, floral art, photography and knitting, there was something for everyone, and I'm pleased to report that the unseasonably bad weather in the preceding days didn't disrupt the gardening classes. Our guest judge for the evening was Chris Lynch from Putley WI. Chris is a specially trained NFWI judge and her knowledge and expertise was greatly valued by us all. Joy was the rather surprised overall winner and was presented with both the rose bowl and the Nut Cup, but ultimately every single entry was a winner on the night! Cradley WI has some wonderfully talented members. While judging took place we enjoyed a talk by Matt, the Events Manager from St



Michael's Hospice. Members learned a lot about the work of this invaluable place of caring, and our President, Joy, was delighted to present Matt with a cheque not only for the Hospice (proceeds raised at the village Coronation event earlier in the year) but also with a selection of knitted jumpers for the memory teddy wardrobe. Another lovely evening!

**Saltmarsh District WI** - The summer days of rain and more rain made us wonder what our August Trip would be like on Wednesday 9th August when we went to Butterfly World and a boat ride on the River Wye, but the day was blue skies and warm sunshine so that a good time was had by all. Our thanks go to Wendy for organising the day and to Bromyard Community Transport for providing 2 Minibuses and drivers to safely get us there and back. The river was very busy with canoes, paddleboarders and other boats.







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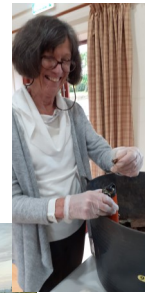


**Bosbury WI** have had a busy and varied summer season. In June we welcomed Andrew Mottram to a well-attended Open Meeting. He gave a passionate and informative talk about 'Global Warming and Climate Change' explaining the problems that this warming will increasingly cause as well as the challenges inherent in combating such change. He urged us all to play our part by ensuring we were well informed, lobbying our MPs and making small but significant changes to our lifestyles. In July we held a delightful Garden Meeting at the home of one of our members and were lucky to have a beautiful sunny evening on which to enjoy her charming garden. Social time and a bring and share supper were also much enjoyed.

On the 14th July Bosbury WI hosted a very successful **Ledbury Group Meeting** inviting attendees from the 7 WIs within the group. The Hall was decorated in French colours with red, white and blue bunting & balloons, white tablecloths with red and blue runners, pretty vases of flowers and French flags. Some 45 ladies were entertained by 'The Poachers' with Alasdair & Dave adding their 'French Twist' by singing some French songs. A delicious afternoon tea was served including French classics such as mini quiches, vol-au-vents, millefeuilles and tartes aux fruits. A great team effort ensured that all our visitors had a most enjoyable afternoon – many thanks to everyone involved.



The summer was beginning to show itself in July and the countryside was looking beautiful. Mother nature puts on a marvellous display and here in Herefordshire she gets a little help from The Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. Joanne Buglass, a volunteer with the Trust, came to give **Upton Bishop WI** an insight into the work they do, the fun they have and their development over the years. At the August Upton Bishop WI meeting the weather was not very summery (we had our annual picnic indoors) but between the showers our members did manage to try their hand at metal detecting and unearthed some treasure. Well, a few coins, tin cans etc and a small silver (plated) tray which may or may not have been planted an hour earlier! We had a short talk about the history of metal detecting and enjoyed a display of "finds" that included many interesting coins, Roman remains and even a gold dental plate! Frances Lawford. President UBWI.



**Wellington WI** members and guests had an exciting educational trip to Powis Castle to enjoy the gardens and the Kaffe Fassett quilt exhibition throughout the rooms. The planting was beautiful, the quilts were amazing, the much needed refreshments were appreciated and the coach journeys were restful, thanks to Jones' luxurious coach. A great day out was had by members, crafters and companions.  
Shirley Edgar

**Tupsley WI** members have paid for two Filbert trees & plaques to explain that they are to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth 11 & The Coronation of H M Charles 111. The trees have been planted at the junction of Old Eign Hill &

**Tupsley WI** members met Marshall, a Cocker Spaniel, at their August meeting. Marshall is one of 900 trained Hearing Dogs for Deaf People & in Hereford lives with his owner Joanna who is severely deaf. He works with her in the home where he can respond to different alarm calls. He has a uniform & wears it outdoors so that it can indicate Joanna's disability. Joanna gave an excellent presentation of the work done by the charity. Each dog has intensive training & is matched with the new partner. Labradors, Poodles and Cocker-Poos are also used.



Send in your WI Forum reports for the September issue by Friday 15 September by email to: [hfwinevents@gmail.com](mailto:hfwinevents@gmail.com)



**HFWI DIARY OF EVENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER 2023**

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION & VENUE	TIME	COST
<del>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept</del> <del>Cancelled</del>	<del>Blenheim Palace Trip</del>	<del>Organised by Cradley WI</del>	<del>All day</del>	<del>£45 pp see poster for booking details</del>
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> September	WI Day	Bodenham Village Hall WI Stalls available	10am-3.00pm	£5.00 per table (max 2 tables)
11-18 <sup>th</sup> September	River Action Week	Various events happening nationally and locally		
1-3 October	WI Holiday	A Right Royal Visit to London	With Rural Concierge	£340.00pp
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Informal Meeting	<u>Munsley</u> WI Hall, HR8 2RA. Discussing the future for the Hall	2.00pm	
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> October	WI Officers Coffee & Catch-up	<u>Pengethley</u> Garden Centre, Peterstow, HR9 6LL	10.30am	
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HFWI 102 <sup>nd</sup> ACM	Ledbury Rugby Club	10.00-1.00pm	Entrance £5pp ACM & Buffet lunch £15pp (to be pre-booked)
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Coach Trip	Westonbirt Arboretum	Day trip	£36 (coach & entry)
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-Term Craft Workshop	<u>Munsley</u> WI Hall, HR8 2RA	10am-12.00pm 1.00-3pm	£5 entry (incl 1 adult with 1 child)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Coach Trip	Stratford Upon Avon	Day trip	£20 plus optional town tour (£8)
Sat, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Yule Fayre	Bodenham Village Hall WI Stalls available	10am-3.00pm	£5.00 per table
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Cardiff Christmas Market	Coach trip organised by Cradley WI	All day	£20pp – see advert for contact and details
<del>1<sup>st</sup> December</del> <del>Moved to 2024</del>	<del>Coach Trip</del>	<del>Shugborough Estate</del>	<del>Day Trip</del>	<del>£35 per person</del>

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